

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required Applicants under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Further, the Examiner notes, albeit incorrectly, that "Currently, none of the claims appear generic."

More specifically, the Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, drawn to Figures 1-3; and

Group II, drawn to Figures 4-7.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, drawn to Figures 1-3. Applicants further traverse the Examiner's position that "none of the claims appear generic."

Contrary to the position taken by the Examiner, claim 1 is a generic claim. In fact, the subject matter of claim 1 is included in independent claims 8 and 20.

Finally, the Examiner should note that claims 1-7 and 20-31 read upon the elected species of Group I, drawn to Figures 1-3.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner (Reg. No. 32,181) at the

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telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$60.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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